

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Application of the Polygraph Protection Act.

OMB Number: 1215-0170.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 328,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15-90 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 82,406.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: These third-party notifications and recordkeeping requirements are necessary to insure polygraph examinees receive the protections and rights mandated by the Employee Polygraph Protection Act.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed

and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of data collection using Form ETA 563, Quarterly Determinations, Allowance Activities, and Reemployment Services Under the Trade Act.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or before October 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Curtis K. Kooser, Information Specialist, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Room C4318, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20210. Phone (202) 219-4845, ext. 111 (this is not a toll-free number), FAX (202) 218-5753.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Trade Act of 1974, Section 236(d), as amended, requires the President to submit an annual report to the Congress on the trade agreements program which includes information on trade adjustment assistance for workers. The information from this collection of data is also used in the Secretary's annual report to Congress on training waivers granted and revoked, as required by Section 231(c)(3) of the Trade Act, as amended by the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988. Furthermore, key workload data on the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and North American Free Trade Agreement Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA) programs are needed to measure program performance and to allocate program and administrative funds to State agencies administering the programs for the Secretary.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the

functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the Equality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
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III. Current Actions

This is a notice of proposed extension of collection of information currently approved by OMB and assigned—

OMB Control No.: 1205-0016.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Quarterly Determinations, Allowance Activities, and Reemployment Services Under the Trade Act.

OMB Number: 1205-0016.

Affected Public: State or Local Government.

Cite/Reference/Form/etc: Form ETA 563.

Total Respondents: 52.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Total Responses: An average of about 4,275 responses are received each quarter, or about 17,100 per year.

Average Time per Response: The average time per response is estimated to be 12 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 3,472.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): 0.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 10, 1999.

Edward A. Tomchick,
Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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